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SUBJECT: LATVIA PLANS TO ATTEND SHARM AL-SHEIKH CONFERENCE

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Classified By: Charge d'affaires a.i. Bruce D. Rogers. Reason: 1.4 (b)

(C) Pol/econoff delivered reftel demarche to Judite Dobele, the MFA's Head of the African and Middle Eastern Affairs department. Dobele stated that Foreign Minister Maris Riekstins plans to attend the Sharm Al-Sheikh conference in conjunction with a bilateral visit with Egypt. Because of Latvia's current economic situation she said they will not be able to make a monetary pledge. Dobele hinted that there was, however, the possibility of a small humanitarian project here in Latvia, and she committed to giving us more details at a later date.

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